in-aid for running the Adult Education Centres have been approved during 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(b) The performance of the Voluntary Agencies assisted during 87-88 and 88-89 have not been evaluated so far.

(c) In order to achieve the targets set by the National Literacy Mission, several steps have been taken to speed up the programme. Some distinguished adult educators and intermediate/Lead agencies were entrusted the task of identifying good, viable and trust-worthy voluntary organisations, for participating in the National Literacy Mission. Education Secretaries of all State Govts./UT administrations have already been urged to recommend as many proposals of good, reliable and dedicated voluntary agencies as possible with a view to involve larger number of Voluntary Agencies in the programme of eradication of illiteracy.

"Towards Freedom" Project of ICHR

1795. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the project of the ICHR and when it was started;

(b) what is the number of volumes released by the ICHR;

(c) whether the terms of the project has extended, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what amount of funds out of that sanctioned, has been spent on the project; and

(e) what is the amount of more funds which would be spent for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Project "Towards Freedom" was conceived on the recommendations of the Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) and was initially given to National Archives of India (NAI) in 1972 but was transferred to Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in 1973 for implementation. The Project aims at collecting, editing and publishing documents on all aspects of the Indian struggle for freedom from 1937 to 1947 so as to present an authentic and comprehensive picture of our freedom struggle. While NAI is entrusted with the collection of relevant documents from amongst Central and State Government records and Private papers of national leaders in its custody, the ICHR is collecting other relevant material from other organisations, newspapers, etc., edit and publish them. The series is to comprise of 10 volumes.

(b) One volume, pertaining to the year 1937, has been published by the ICHR in 1985.

(c) The Advisory Committee of "Towards Freedom" Project of the ICHR has requested to Government to extend the term of the project upto 31-3-1992 in order to bring out the remaining volumes.

(d) Out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 156.53 lakhs upto 31-3-1988, the ICHR has spent an amount of Rs. 75.09 lakhs and NAI has spent Rs. 63.25 lakhs making a total of Rs. 138.34 lakhs.

(e) Rs 21.48 lakhs per annum are likely to be spent until the completion of the Project by 31.3.1992.

Expansion of Mamallapuram Beach Resort

1796. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the performance of Mamallapuram Beach resort of the ITDC during the last three years giving the details of profit, number of tourist which stayed, year-wise;

(b) when the resort had come into operation and what is the number of rooms and cottages which have been added to it so far;

(c) whether there is any expansion proposal under Government's consideration for this resort; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The requisite information is given below:

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
		(Provisional)	
Room Occupancy %	55	47	51
No. of tourists stayed	3231	2991	2980
		(Rs. in lakhs)	
Turnover	20.29	21.42	25.90
Operating Profit/Loss(—)	(—)1.03	(—)3.68	0.25
Net Profit/Loss(—)	(—)4.50	(—)7.31	(—)3.75

(b) Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort, Mamallapuram was commissioned on 19-3-1973 with 20 cottages and 8 rooms after expanding the then Travellers' Lodge there.

In 1980-81, 7 cottages were lost due to sea erosion.

(c) Presently, ITDC has a proposal to add 10 new cottages at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 lakhs during 1988-89.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Superfast trains

1797. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Superfast Express Trains in the country and their destinations alongwith length of journey and time taken to cover the distance by each one of them;

(b) what is the present speed of each one of them;

(c) which are the superfast trains whose speed has been changed in the past; details thereof; along with reason in case of those trains whose speed has been reduced;

(d) whether it is a fact that Railway administration has increased the halt in case of certain superfast trains;

(e) what are the names of those superfast trains for whom more than five halts were added during the last three years; and

(f) what steps are being taken to reduce these halts and increase the speed of long distance superfast trains in near future?